get undue and illegal gain by selling books, etc., at a dear cost and by compelling the pupils to purchase the articles from them only, while they can be had at cheaper rates elsewhere;

(ii) that certain teachers, managers or clerks are compelling pupils to purchase books, note-books, etc., not absolutely necessary for their study and not prescribed by the authorities;

(iii) that the pupils who do not purchase books, etc., directly from the said teachers, managers or clerks at such high prices are punished with fine or with temporary suspension from the classes; and

(iv) that the teachers, etc., engaged in this trade devote much of their time to it to the detriment of their legitimate duties in the schools;

(*e*) whether any inspecting officer has ever taken notice of this irregularity in public schools;

(*f*) if the Government or the Director has not got any information on this subject, whether they will enquire into the matter; and

(*g*) whether the Director has received any representation orally or in writing, from any member of the Legislative Council on the subject?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) There have been one or two complaints.

(*d*) (i) No.
(ii) No.
(iii) No.
(iv) No.

(*e*) There is no information.

(*f*) Yes, if specific instances are furnished.

(*g*) No.

Licenses for the collection of lime shells.

140. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether licenses are being issued for the collection of lime shells now (31-10-1105);

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative,

(i) the date from which this system has been introduced; and

(ii) the annual revenue realised since this system was introduced;

(*c*) (i) the system that was in force prior to the introduction of the licensing system for the collection of lime shells; and

(ii) the annual revenue realised under that system; and

(*d*) the prices at which the public are able to purchase lime at Kumarakam, Kottayam and Alleppey under the present system and those at which they were able to purchase it under the old system?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) 1st Chingam 1104.

(ii) In 1104—Rs. 2,212-14 chs.

Up to end of Mithunam 1105—Rs. 2,079-14 chs.

(*c*) (i) The right of collecting lime shells was leased out for four years from the 1st Chingam 1098.

(ii) Rs. 5,537 per annum from 1098 to 1100.

Rs. 6,925 in 1101.

(*d*) (i) Kumarakam—1¼ chs. per *patta* (kerosene oil tin) of lime shells.

Alleppey and Kottayam—1½ Chs. per *patta*.

(ii) Kumarakam—1¾ chs. per *patta*.

Alleppey and Kottayam—2 chs. per *patta*.

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): ലൈംഷെല്ലിന് പഴയ സിസ്റ്റമനുസരിച്ച് നടന്നുകൊണ്ടിരുന്ന കാലത്ത് ഒന്നേമുക്കാൽ ചക്രവും ഇപ്പോൾ ഒന്നേകാൽ ചക്രവും വിലയാണെന്ന് പറയുന്നു. ചുട്ട കക്കായ്ക്കും ഇതുപോലെയുള്ള വ്യത്യാസം ഉണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നു പറയാമോ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What part are you referring to, please?

MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Part (*d*) (i) and (ii). Part (i) is Kumarakam 1¼ Chs. per *patta*. (Kerosine oil tin) of lime shells.

Alleppey and Kottayam-1½ Chs. per *patta*.

Part (ii) is—Kumarakam-1¾ Chs. per *patta*.

Alleppey and Kottayam-2 Chs. per *patta*.

ഇതു് പച്ച കക്കായുടെ വിലയാണു്. ഈ വ്യത്യാസം ചുട്ടകക്കായ്ക്കും ഉണ്ടോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

Collection and export of shark fins.

141. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of shark fins exported from Travancore during the last five years (1100-1104);

(*b*) whether they get any revenue from this source;

(*c*) whether the fishermen get any income out of this;

(*d*) the approximate price at which it is sold in Travancore;

(*e*) the approximate price at which it is sold outside Travancore;

(*f*) whether they have received any application for the grant of monopoly for the collection and export of the article; and

(*g*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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